

**REMARKS**

In the Office action dated September 9, 2005, claims 5, 6, 9 – 15, 19, 20, and 23 – 27 were withdrawn from consideration, claims 1, 16 – 18, 21, and 22 were rejected, and claims 2 – 4, 7, and 8 were objected to. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 canceled claims 2 and 9 – 27 and hereby request reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claims and the below-provided remarks.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2 – 4, 7, and 8 are deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Claim 2 has been canceled. In view of the amendment, Applicants assert that amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

**II. Withdrawn Claims 5 and 6**

Claims 5 and 6 as filed were dependent on claim 2. Applicants have amended claim 5 to depend from claim 1 in view of the amendment to claim 1. Applicants request that claims 5 and 6 be reconsidered in view of amended claim 1.

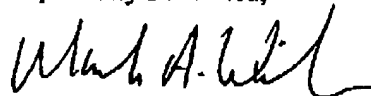
**III. Common Ownership**

Applicants confirm that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered herein were made.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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